

SENATE RESOLUTION 193

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Anthony W. Harden on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Anthony W. Harden is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for eighteen years as the Regional Public Health Director for the West Tennessee Region of the Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, after gaining his Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Tennessee at Martin (UTM), Mr. Harden earned a Master of Science degree with an emphasis in Education from UTM, attended the Public Service Management Institute at the University of Tennessee's Center for Training and Career Development, and accumulated forty-two post-graduate hours in Counseling and Sociology at Memphis State University; and

WHEREAS, displaying valorous appreciation for the tenets of service to his country, Anthony Harden served as proud member of the United States Naval Reserve until his discharge at the rank of SK3 in 1968; and

WHEREAS, following his military service, he rendered sterling service as a science teacher for the Jackson City School System before joining the Department of Health as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor in 1971, a post he held until 1973; and

WHEREAS, between 1973 and 1985, Mr. Harden held the position of Administrator for the Jackson-Madison County Health Department; in 1985, he was named the Regional Public Health Director of the Southwest Tennessee Region, a position to which he dedicated his numerous talents and industrious attitude for four years; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, he was named the Regional Public Health Director of the West Tennessee Region and, over the past eighteen years, has served in such post with aplomb, acumen, and alacrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harden is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the Tennessee Public Health Association, the American Health Association, the Southern Health Association, Tennessee Home Health Association, and the Jackson Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, a leader among his peers, he has stood as President, board member, Vice President for West Tennessee, and Administrative, Management, and Planning Section Chairman for the Tennessee Public Health Association and as Treasurer and board member of the Tennessee Home Health Association; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Anthony Harden is the recipient of the Dr. Robert T. Howell Award, the R.H. Hutcheson M.D. Award, the Twenty-First Annual Regional Conference on Maternal and Child Health, Family Planning, and Services for Children with Special Needs Distinguished Service Award, and the Alex B. Shipley M.D. Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harden exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Anthony Harden has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the public alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Anthony W. Harden our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors, and offer our deepest gratitude for his years of distinguished service to the Department of Health.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.